

DRUG POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: November 8, 2012

Place: Pape State Office Building, Room 125

Called to Order: November 8, 2012 at 1:01 pm

Adjourned: November 8, 2012 at 2:07 pm

Present: Chairman Steven Lukan, Katrina Carter (by phone), Cyndy Erickson, Jennifer Benson, Paul Stageberg, Lori Lipscomb (for Vern Armstrong), Todd Thoeming, David Lorenzen (by phone), Michael Hunsberger (for Warren Hunsberger), Jane Larkin, Stephan Arndt, Col. Larry Doss (for Col. Thomas Staton), Doug Webb (for Steve Larson/Shannon Pogones/Stephanie Strauss), Guests: Linda Kalin and Mike Wenger, ODCP Staff: Dale Woolery, Cinnamon Weinman, and Susie Sher

Absent: Brian Vos, Christina Wilson, Mike Lashbrook

Excused: Hon. Thomas Bower, Steve DeJoode (for Kevin Frampton), Kathy Stone

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Lukan called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Chairman Lukan provided a welcome, introduced new ODCP staff member Cinnamon Weinman, and asked for introductions from those standing in for others.

Approval of the August 9, 2012 minutes

Hearing no comments on the minutes, the minutes stood approved by Chairman Lukan.

2013 Meeting Dates

Chairman Lukan pointed out the upcoming meeting dates for the next calendar year and noted that locations would be determined.

Strategy Discussion

Chairman Lukan discussed the 2013 Iowa Drug Control Strategy and noted that it had just been released. He noted that there were copies of the media release and Executive Summary section of the Strategy provided with the handouts for the meeting. Chairman Lukan noted several positive trends including a decrease in the number of drunk-driving deaths and the number of meth labs in the state. He also noted continuing challenges such as prescription drug abuse.

2013 Policy Issues

Chairman Lukan noted that ODCP is waiting on clearance from the Governor's Office on legislative proposals for the upcoming session. He mentioned tax stamp issues, Medicaid fraud, and the Public Health initiative of Recovery Oriented System of Care and trying to get more people employed post-treatment. He also mentioned the new issues that may come about after Tuesday's vote to relax laws on marijuana use in two states. Also, the VA has come on board to report to the Prescription Monitoring Program, as well as out-of-state pharmacies. Paul Stageberg asked how often doctor shopping is charged. Lukan stated it is not pursued much right now but if the penalty is increased charges may increase. It is also a hope that the increased penalties would be more of a prevention strategy to deter people from doctor shopping.

Current Drug Trends/Imminent Danger

Chairman Lukan introduced Linda Kalin. She provided an introduction and explanation of the Imminent Danger Alert that was included in the handouts. She explained that Michigan just started doing a publication on new drugs. Questions that came up: How did they decide who got the bulletin? How did they push it out? How did they deal with confidentiality? Did someone give certain agency permission to get this information? And do they have trouble finding material? She stated that the poison center has a lot of data they would like to share with people and asked if the group sees value in this type of bulletin. Stephen Arndt asked how accessible this would be to medical professionals. Linda stated that they are already connected to that group. Dale asked how Michigan avoids "the boy who cried wolf." Linda stated that a workgroup would have to establish parameters but that giving people a heads up

on what is coming is important. Stephen Arndt stated that the CDC might have parameters that would be a guideline on when to raise the alarm. Jane stated that there is great interest in this information. Paul Stageberg asked what the cost of this type of bulletin would be. Linda stated she can't put a cost on it – that it would mostly be staff time. Dale stated that ODCP had a similar idea but with a more public focus versus an early alert to professionals, but noted that the same information would be required on both. Linda stated that Michigan just started doing this monthly bulletin approximately this summer. Chairman Lukan stated that ODCP is interested in working with others on and thanked Linda for presenting.

Prevention/Treatment/Enforcement Updates

Jane Larkin talked about the Blunt Truth forum, the upcoming Listening Post in Ames, and the February 25th “Youth Speak Out on the Hill” day. Michael Hunsberger stated that they would like information like the bulletins Linda discussed to be able to provide to parents. Doug Webb talked about IPACT resulting in fewer alcohol sales to minors and the upcoming Symposium 21 for policy makers. Mike Wenger talked about surveying physicians and working to increase utilization of the PMP. Cyndy Erickson talked about her work with schools and the safety, engagement, and environment factors in 20 specific schools. Lori Lipscomb discussed the differential response that is being looked at right now for certain child abuse cases. Stephen Arndt talked about the Outcomes Monitoring System report, the Iowa Youth Survey, brief intervention, and a new adolescent co-occurring disorders grant. Jennifer Benson stated that they are not seeing synthetics cases in her office, but they are seeing lots of meth cases, including lots of pseudoephedrine and crystal meth. Col. Doss talked about the Guard's threat-based response and marijuana eradication efforts. Katrina Carter told the group that the prison population is decreasing, so their community-based corrections staff members are very busy.

Criminal Justice Results First

Paul Stageberg provided a handout and discussed Results First. He stated it is a cost-benefit model. They are implementing a program in the adult corrections area. Also taking the first steps to implement Results First in the juvenile justice area.

Agency/Organization Updates

There were no other updates provided.

Adjourn

Next meeting February 14, 2013. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lukan.



Susie Sher



Steven Lukan, Chair